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## Intimations.

**UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL  
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**FOR THE**  
**UNITED ASBESTOS COMPANY, LIMITED, LONDON,**  
**CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.**  
**MANUFACTURERS OF THE**  
Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.  
HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS of all kinds.  
"VICTOR" METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.  
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# PEAK HOTEL.

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1350 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

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**A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL** adjoining the Tramway Terminus. **FINE HEALTHY LOCATION,** Commanding **Magnificent View** of the City and Harbour, the Mainland of Chios, and numerous Islands. Cool southerly breezes in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East winds in winter.

**A Covered Way** is being constructed from the Station to the Hotel.

**THE HOTEL IS NOW UNDER EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT.**

**GEO. J. CASANOVA, Manager.**

CITY OFFICE, No. 7, Duddell Street.

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PORT WINE.

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THE CELEBRATED GUEDES' "3 GRAPES" BRAND.

In cases of 1 doz. bot. ....\$24 per case.

HEWMAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th August, 1897.

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EX. P. & O. S. S. "JAPAN"

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—OF—

SHERRIES—Pale, Golden and Brown.  
PORTS—Light Tawny—Old Tawny & Dry.  
WHISKIES—Scotch

75. EXTRA SPECIAL LIQUEUR  
"SCOTTISH "YE KEN"  
IRISH—Power's.

CALDEBECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,  
 WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.  
 Hongkong, 1st September, 1897.

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# AMANO NATURAL MINERAL WATER.

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THE MOST PLEASING TO THE TASTE.  
 ONCE TRIED, ALWAYS PREFERRED.

SAMPLE BOTTLES MAY BE HAD  
FROM  
J. M. ALVARES & CO.

**THE PHARMACY.**  
 HAVE NOW A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF ATKINSON'S PERFUMES AND ARE SOLE  
 MANUFACTURERS OF  
**WHITE HEATHER BOUQUET.**

Sole Agents for VIN PASTEUR, the great French Nerve Tonic,  
Also Sole Agents for the now well-known JAPANESE TABLE WATER  
**TAN SAN.**

FLETCHER & CO.  
and  
CARMICHAEL & CO.

**MOUNT AUSTIN**

**MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.**  
1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "EXCELSIOR," HONGKONG. TELEPHONE, A. B. C. Code, No. 35.  
THE TEMPERATURE IS AT LEAST 10 DEGREES COOLER THAN IN QUEEN'S ROAD.  
TIFFIN AT 1 P.M. DINNER AT 8 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS can be made for **TIFFIN or DINNER PARTIES** in  
PRIVATE DINING-ROOMS.  
For further Particulars apply to  
**THE MANAGER,**  
**MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.**  
BROOKINGS, 29th July, 1906.

**W. BREWER & CO.**  
 SPLENDID SELECTION OF  
**GENTLEMEN'S**  
 BROWN BOOTS, BROWN SHOES, BLACK BOOTS, BLACK SHOES  
 and every other style of men's

TENNIS SHOES FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN  
 SLIPPERS                      CONK BROWN                      LITTLE BOYS  
 (Soleing the foot)                      (Soleing the foot)                      (Soleing the foot)



## Today's Advertisements.

THE SECOND  
ARMY AND NAVY  
BOXING CONTEST,  
WILL BE HELD IN THE

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL  
TODAY  
(SATURDAY), 4th September, 1897.  
No such representative talent has ever been  
seen before in Hongkong.

OUSACK AND NORTHOOTE

WILL  
AGAIN MEET.

The R. E. V. C. String Band will be in  
attendance.

Prices of Admission:—\$3, \$2, & \$1.

4 Highly decorated Private Boxes.  
Each Box will accommodate 6 Persons.  
\$18 per Box.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform half-price to  
sit and stand.  
SEATS can be booked at Messrs. ROBINSON  
& Co's Music Warehouse.

A HARPER,  
Stage Hotel.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1897. [1341]

PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
THE FURNITURE, & C.,  
OF THE  
MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

THE FIRST OF A SERIES of Sales will take  
place on  
MONDAY, the 14th September, 1897,  
at 2.10 P.M.

In the NEW HALL ROOM of the HOTEL,  
where the Under-tenant will sell by  
PUBLIC AUCTION,  
A LARGE QUANTITY OF  
BED-ROOM FURNITURE  
of every description.

On View from SATURDAY, the 11th Sept.  
Catalogues will be issued.

N.B.—In addition to the usual tram service,  
Special Cars will run every quarter of an hour  
between 2.30 P.M. and 3.30 P.M. on Sale days.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,  
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1897. [1354]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
The Company's Steamship

"HAILONG."  
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 7th instant,  
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1897. [1355]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).  
The Company's Steamship

"ZAFIRO."  
Captain Cobban, will be despatched for the  
above Port on TUESDAY, the 7th instant, at  
3 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation  
for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1897. [1357]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.  
The Company's Steamship

"HAITAN."  
Captain J. S. Roach, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 8th instant,  
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th September, 1897. [1356]

## Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &  
COMPANY,  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co's WATERS are  
made under the constant supervision of a duly  
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-  
parison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and  
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the  
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [1370]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong  
Telegraph," and not to the Editor.

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not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied  
by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for  
insertion, but in order that the Editor may be able to  
communicate with the writer in the event of any  
discrepancy arising in the course of the publication.

## Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.



BY APPOINTMENT.

## WINES & SPIRITS.

WE beg to call attention to our PRICE  
LIST OF WINES AND SPIRITS as  
below:—

As these are all selected and bought first  
hand by our London House we save any inter-  
mediate profits and are thereby enabled to  
supply the best qualities at Moderate Prices.

PORT.

(For Invalids and General Use).

B VINTAGE, superior quality, Red  
Capsule, 12.40 \$1.20

C FINE OLD VINTAGE, superior  
quality, Black Seal Capsule, 16.40 1.35

D VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE,  
extra superior, Violet Capsule  
(Old Bottled) 20.40 1.70

SHERRY.

B SUPERIOR PALE DRY, dinner  
wine, Green Seal Capsule, 10.80 \$0.90

C MANANILLA, PALE NA-  
TURAL SHERRY, White  
Capsule 12.00 1.00

CC SUPERIOR OLD DRY, PALE  
NATURAL SHERRY, Red  
Seal Capsule, 12.00 1.00

D VERY SUPERIOR OLD PALE  
DRY, choice old wine,  
White Seal Capsule, 14.40 1.20

E EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD PALE  
DRY, very fine quality,  
Black Seal Capsule (Old  
Bottled) 20.40 1.70

B, C, and D are excellent dinner Wines or  
for Invalids and delicate stomachs. D and E  
are after-dinner Wines of a very superior vintage.  
All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.

B St. ESTEVE, Red  
Capsule, 6.96 \$0.66

C St. JULIEN, Red  
Capsule, 9.00 0.90

D LA ROSE, Red  
Capsule, 13.92 1.10

SAI TE FOY, 7.10 0.60

CUSSAC, 9.60 0.80

CHATEAU D'AN-  
GLADE, 13.20 1.10

CHATEAU HAUT  
BOURG, 18.60 1.60

CHATEAU MOU-  
TON D'ARMAIL,  
BACQ, 21.00 2.20

Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are  
guaranteed to be the genuine product of the  
vine of the grape, and are not artificially made  
from raisins and currants, as is generally the  
case with cheap Wines.

BRANDY.

A HENNESSY'S OLD  
PALE, Red Capsule, 18.00 \$1.50

B SUPERIOR VERY OLD  
COGNAC, Red Cap-  
sule, 21.00 1.75

C VERY OLD LIQUEUR  
COGNAC, 14.00 1.00

V.O. D HENNESSY'S FINEST  
VERY OLD LIQUEUR  
COGNAC, 1875 Vin-  
tage, Red Capsule, 16.00 1.30

V.V.O. E FINEST VERY OLD  
LIQUEUR COGNAC,  
1862 Vintage, 48.00 4.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure  
Cognac, the difference in price being merely a  
question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.

SCOTCH—

A THOMAS'S BLEND, White Cap-  
sule, 10.80 \$0.90

B WATSON'S GLENROTHY MEX-  
LOW BLEND, Blue Capsule,  
with Name and Trade Mark, 10.80 0.90

C WATSON'S A. ELTON-GLEN-  
ROTH, Red Capsule, with  
Name and Trade Mark, 12.00 1.00

D WATSON'S H.K.D. BLEND OF  
THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT  
WHISKIES, Violet Capsule, 14.40 1.20

E WATSON'S VERY OLD LIQUEUR  
SCOTCH WHISKY, Gold Cap-  
sule, 15.00 1.25

DANIEL CRAWFORD'S FINEST  
VERY OLD SCOTCH WHISKY, 14.40 1.20

Our lowest priced Whisky is of excellent qual-  
ity and of greater age than most brands in the  
market. We recommend our customers not to  
be deterred by the lowness of price from trying  
them all. For a soda whisky, Thomas's Blend  
and Watson's Glenrothly are equal to any.  
Absolut-Glenlivet is a very old Peat Whisky  
(smoky) that could not be replaced in stock at  
the price. D and E are too well known to need  
comment.

IRISH—

A JOHN JAMESON'S OLD, Green  
Capsule, 12.00 \$1.00

B JOHN JAMESON'S VERY OLD,  
Green Capsule, 15.00 1.25

C JOHN JAMESON'S VERY FINE  
OLD, Green Capsule, 18.00 1.50

All these are very fine and old. C has been  
stocked in Hongkong in wood for over 20 years,  
there being little sale for Irish Whisky in the  
Colony.

AMERICAN—

Genuine BOURBON WHISKY,  
FINE OLD, Red Capsule, with  
our Name and Trade Mark, 14.00 1.25

A FINE OLD TOM, White  
Capsule, 7.20 \$0.60

B FINE UNWEATHERED, White  
Capsule, 7.20 0.60

RUM.

FINEST OLD JAMAICA, Violet  
Capsule, 15.00 \$1.25

GOOD LIKWARD ISLAND, 0.00 0.50

GOOD LIKWARD ISLAND, 12.50 per Gal.

LIQUEURS.

BLACKBERRY BRANDY.

CORACAO.

CHERRY.

CHERRY CHOCOLAT.

CHERRY CORDON.

CHERRY ANCHOVITA BOTTLED.

CHERRY AND.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY

Hongkong, 12th August, 1897.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1897.

## THE OPIUM QUESTION.

WE have just read a short article  
from the *Embay Guardian*, which we  
find reproduced in the August number of  
*The Sentinel and Anti-opium News*, the well-  
known organ of the different associations for  
social purity and national righteousness.

The *Guardian* quotes Sir JOSEPH  
PEAKE as stating that the argument so  
frequently used in support of the Indian  
opium monopoly is fading away and be-  
coming less applicable daily, the general  
revenue of India having increased by 250  
millions of rupees between the financial  
years 1882-3 and 1894-5, while the opium  
revenue has fallen away from rupees  
84,513,820 in 1880-81 to rupees 38,800,000  
in 1895-7, and is estimated for the  
current year at even less. The *Sentinel*  
of course attributes this falling  
off in the opium revenue to the direct  
action of Providence and as a punishment  
and a lesson in connection with the fear-  
ful wickedness and blood-guiltiness of the  
opium traffic for the high officials  
concerned. It bewails their blindness  
and obstinacy and anticipates a vigorous  
effort on their part in the coming year to  
recoup the revenue for the falling off of  
the China trade by increased consumption  
in India. There are, of course, the usual  
misstatements about our wars with China  
and their causes and the customary  
display of the bigotry and ignorance that  
distinguishes the *Sentinel*, the *Guardian*, and  
other "social purity" organs when they get  
on the opium question, but this we pass  
over. The recent Imperial Commission on  
the Opium Question has by its report set-  
tled most of the most questions connected  
with the opium traffic to the satisfaction of  
all sensible Christian men and women.

We only notice the article in ques-  
tion to call attention to the figures and to  
the probable future. We believe that in  
a few years the opium revenue will vanish  
entirely from the Indian Revenue, and  
the Indian opium monopoly will have  
ceased to exist by the operation of  
natural causes, and without injury  
either to the Government or to any interest.  
China in another decade or two will grow  
all her own opium and more and more  
possibly shortly become an exporter of  
the drug. Opium is moving its dwelling  
from India to China as tea has moved and  
is moving from China. The work has been  
going on slowly for the last twenty-five  
years and is still going on, and so slowly  
and steadily that there is no dislocation  
of trade, no individual hardship or suffering  
as the result. The change is gradual and  
the firms concerned have time to provide  
for and accommodate themselves to it.

The Indian Revenue has expanded in so  
many other ways that it will not in a  
few years miss the opium trade.

The fanatics must be very foolish if they  
cannot see that if the punishment of the  
British Government for its opium iniquities  
was "within the purview of Providence," it  
would have destroyed the opium trade  
and have left nothing to fill the gap. One  
would think that it was China that was to  
be brought under the lash. Its innocent  
and profitable trade in tea is taken away  
from it and given to British India! The  
growth as well as the consumption of  
opium has now fastened on it as a disease  
—if it is a disease—and all the curses and  
viperations of the *Guardian*, the *Sentinel*  
and Sir JOSEPH PEAKE must be transferred  
to the mandarins. It is the innocent  
Chinese on whom apparently the punish-  
ment has fallen and the guilty Britisher  
goes on his way, prosperous and prospering  
and is relieved even of the occasion of his  
sin.

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

GREECE, GERMANY, AND THE POWERS.

LONDON, September 2nd.

Germany has informed Greece that she main-  
tains her opposition to the indemnity loan.

VISIT OF THE KING OF ITALY TO  
EMPEROR WILLIAM.

The King of Italy, attended by his Foreign  
Minister, meets the Emperor of Germany at  
Homburg to-day.

CELEBRATION OF THE SULTAN'S  
ACCESSION DAY.

The Turkish troops were reviewed to-day and  
a banquet was held at Canca in honour of the  
anniversary of the Sultan's accession. The  
foreign Admirals were all present except Admiral  
Harris (British), whose absence was commented  
upon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Boxing tournament to-night at City Hall.

The buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.05 per £.

The English mail, per *Ravenna*, is expected  
at daylight to-morrow.

The French mail steamer *Sydney* left Singa-  
pore for this port via Saigon at 4 p.m. to-day.

The Japanese man-of-war *Nasawa*, which has  
been staying at Honolulu since May, is expected  
to return to Japan to-morrow.

Mr. Gomers, who has been appointed As-  
sistant Registrar-General in Hongkong, is ex-  
pected to arrive here from the Straits to-morrow.

Inspector Hansen, lately in charge of the  
Water Police, has been appointed Acting Chief  
Inspector, and Mr. Mackie, late Chief Inspector,  
has been appointed Acting Deputy Super-  
intendent.

Mr. H. E. W. DEBOUVE, Police Magistrate, to-  
day held an enquiry regarding the death of a  
cargo-hand, who was drowned off Plover  
West on the 30th ult., while trying to clear the  
anchor of a Chinese craft. After hearing evi-  
dence Mr. Worsley returned a finding of "Ac-  
cidentally drowned."

THE Japanese Government have issued very  
neatly got-up invitations to the foreign Consuls  
and other leading residents of the Colony to  
visit the second Fisheries Exhibition which was  
opened this month at Kobe and closes on 30th  
November.

IMPROVEMENTS are the order of the day at the  
Peak Hotel, to which attention is directed by an  
advertisement in this issue. The location is  
healthy and the view from the windows magis-  
ficent and as in a few days it will be the only  
hotel in "Cloudland" there should be a busy  
time in store for Mr. CASANOVA, the new man-  
ager who is doing his best to make every-  
body thoroughly at home in his well-appointed  
establishment.

ANOTHER of Messrs. Watson & Co's coolies  
appeared at the Magistracy to-day charged with  
theft. He was caught by a watchman stealing  
two bottles and when arrested he threw them  
away, breaking them. Mr. W. Musket, Man-  
ager of the so-called "factory," informed the  
Magistrate that defendant was another "trusted"  
employee of the firm and that thefts of bottles  
had been going on for months past. The defend-  
ant "owned up" and was sentenced to six  
weeks' hard labour.

THE condition of the streets leading from Pedder's  
Hill to Wyndham St. continues to be a disgrace  
to those who are responsible for the cleanliness  
of the public thoroughfares. We have repeatedly  
called attention to the abominably filthy state  
of these streets and they are now as bad or worse  
than ever. Many people, in preference to using  
them as a short passage to the "Hill," are glad  
to walk three or four times further to escape the  
filth and stench and dirt of the place. If an  
Inspector of Nuisances is yearning to distinguish  
himself by meritorious service here, let it be  
his chance.

VIC-ADMIRAL COLOMB, in a lecture recently  
delivered before the Royal United Service Insti-  
tution, expressed the opinion that by the advent  
of the torpedo-boat destroyer the battle-ship had  
lost its superiority. Twenty-five of the destroyers  
could be built for the cost of one battle-ship, and  
the lives in fifteen destroyers would not exceed  
the complement of one battle-ship. He indi-  
cated the possibility of improvement in the  
design of destroyers and concluded by stating  
that they must reasonably expect directly the  
perfectly armored torpedo-vessel-seagoing, sea-  
keeping, comfortable to live in, and with seven  
or eight knots more speed than any possible  
armored gunboat of the present type.

Does the Inspector of Buildings ever visit Yau-  
mat-ti, we wonder? Some of the houses there,  
not a hundred miles from the Police Station, are  
very old and dilapidated and in several cases  
the walls appear to be in a very shaky and  
crumbling condition or badly bulged. The only  
wonder is that they manage to hold up at all  
even in fine weather, and should a typhoon  
happen to come our way we very much fear that  
a repetition of the recent Queen's Road disaster  
will be the result. Of course it will be highly  
satisfactory to know that the accident was the  
result of the bad state into which the houses  
had been allowed to fall, but could not the  
accident be prevented entirely by a little common  
sense on the part of the P. W. D.

It really appears as though the author lies  
intended completing the section of the reclama-  
tion between Lee House Lane and the Market  
within a few months. This section, which has  
hitherto presented the spectacle of an odorous  
and swampy, is now a scene of great activity.  
To-day the steam crane was at work removing  
the huge concrete blocks which had been piled  
upon the foundations of the new Pedder's Wharf  
stones for the construction of the sea wall, were  
being landed, filling in was proceeding rapidly  
from a fleet of earth boats and a gang of coolies  
were engaged in removing the old Plover wall  
pieces. Besides all this two or three minor  
jobs connected with the reclamation were in  
progress on the block, and, for once in a way,  
the coolies all looked really busy.

THE *Daily Press* calls attention to the disgraceful  
state of affairs which the opening of a storm-  
water drain near the P. & O. office had  
brought about. The drain was closed some time ago and it was  
supposed that all sewers that formerly dis-  
charged into it had been diverted. They had  
not been diverted, but increased and multiplied  
the foul organisms and revolting stenches in a  
thickly populated district. The fifth, we are  
told, worked a channel for itself East and West  
behind the Old Plover wall! Some time ago we  
heard loud complaints about an old drain that  
emptied itself near Sassoon & Co's office. The  
drain has been fairly choked up and we have  
little doubt that the same mischief has been going  
on there and in other parts of the city. This is a  
very serious matter, affecting the health of  
Europeans and natives, and we trust therefore  
that His Excellency the Governor will at once  
take cognizance of it.

ARRIVES of the *Daily Chronicle's* surmise that  
the Marquis of Lorne may be the next Viceroy,  
it is hardly possible (says the *Indian Planter*)  
*Gazette* to express how great an advantage it  
would be to India at the present moment were  
some offshoot of Royalty to be put at the helm.  
There ought to be amongst the large number of  
not over-rich Royalists one who would be  
willing to accept an appointment which is  
presumably the most important colonial office  
obtainable. For some reason or other, however,  
there seems to be a great deal of difficulty in  
finding the man fitted and willing to govern this  
vast peninsula, where every day the task  
looks to be becoming a more arduous one.  
India is strikingly unpopular amongst those who  
do not know her; the climate, the "solar  
myth," the million and one other real or im-  
aginary disadvantages seem entirely to outweigh  
the honour which is popularly supposed to be  
attached to the governing of the Gorgeous East.  
That, however, the Conservative party may be  
fortunate enough to find one whose arm is  
strong, whose nerve is good, and whose head is  
incapable of being otherwise than loyal at all  
times and at all seasons must be the prayer of all  
who are interested in the progress and  
welfare of India.

THE three steamers of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha  
(Oriental Steamship Company) now in course of  
construction in England, being nearly finished,  
have been named the *Nippon Maru*, *Shanghai Maru*,  
and *Hongkong Maru*.

TO-MORROW will see the reappearance of the  
Portuguese newspaper *O Independente*, at Mac-  
ao, which Mr. José de Silva in the editorial chair.  
With a large section of the Macao community  
the resuscitation of this journal will be very  
welcome, as it will afford them scope for reply  
to criticisms in the other papers. Mr. de Silva  
is to be congratulated on his enterprise.

AMONG the passengers who arrived here by the  
E. & A. liner *Mermaid* from Australia yesterday  
was Mr. G. H. Smithers, Superintendent Magistrate,  
of Sydney. Mr. Smithers is visiting the Far  
East on a "very well-earned holiday." This  
morning he occupied a seat on the beach at the  
Magistracy with Mr. Wodehouse. Doubtless he  
felt that "50 years of Sydney was better than a  
cycle of Calcutta," at least as far as magisterial  
matters are concerned.

CAMP nothing be done to stop the entrance of  
gangs going two abreast on the narrow paths in  
the hill districts? One is constantly having  
either to flit oneself against the hillside or  
else to step over the side of the path to make  
way for a couple of chaps. Should one refuse  
to do so and claim one's fair share of the path,  
a jostling by the chair coolies is the result. We  
are constantly hearing complaints from pedestrians  
in the hill districts on the subject and it  
seems strange that the police do not take the  
matter in hand and put a stop to the annoyance.

THE "SLUMP" IN SILVER.

SPECIAL MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

We have received the following report and  
copies of correspondence from the Secretary of  
the Chamber of Commerce for publication:—

A special meeting of the General Committee  
of the Hongkong General Chamber of Com-  
merce was held at noon yesterday, the 3rd  
September. The members present were:—Mr.  
M. Gray (Chairman), Messrs. Smith (Vice-Chair-  
man), Hon. J. J. Bell, Mr. J. J. Bell, Mr. J. J. Bell,  
Mr. J. J. Bell, Mr. J. J. Bell, Mr. J. J. Bell,  
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